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## Dear Alumnae,

**S**aturday, October 17 was a wonderful day for SCHNAA. Our morning began with a Chapel service lead by Chaplain Ruthanne Werner in the hospital Chapel donated by the Alumnae Association. Some of the favorite Swedish hymns were sung. Then, nearly 100 nurses gathered in the English Room for a luncheon. We are thankful that three young people related to Nurse Alumnae were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to complete their nursing education. Tours followed the luncheon. Did you know that the tunnel is now painted Swedish yellow?

Several hours later coaches and private cars descended upon the Palmer House for the Benefit Gala. It was a full ballroom gathered to honor Dr. Arthur R. Peterson and the SCH Nursing Alumnae with the Spirit of Compassion Award. We give God the glory for the Award and praise Him for the wonderful time of fellowship we all enjoyed being together for a reunion.

The oldest Nurse Alumna present was Jeannette Ackley from the class of '39 – her 70th reunion!! The class of '59 with 20 present celebrated their 50th Anniversary in style with a luncheon cruise and other activities.

The proceeds of the evening are marked for education of present SCH nursing staff working toward Magnet recognition for the Hospital.

Sincerely in Christ,

Carol Cromley Olson '61



**Susan (Johnson) Tanner accepts the Spirit of Compassion Award from SCH President, Mark Newton, on behalf of the Nursing Alumnae Association**



## A Personal Reflection

The class of '59 thanks you for a wonderful reunion celebration! We are particularly pleased to have been a part of this terrific "sisterhood" of SCH nurses. We were blessed to have been accepted into the SCH School of Nursing and privileged to learn our profession under the tutelage of the dedicated nursing instructors, doctors and colleagues of SCH. Since our graduation 50 years ago, some of us attained a bachelor's degree, some have a master's degree, some were missionaries, some have done things outside of nursing, but the overwhelming distinction is that we excelled in whatever we did because of our nursing school education at SCH. God blessed us with an outstanding foundation for life and we are grateful!

We are happy to see the advances that have taken place at SCH. It is now the exceptional regional institute for advanced medical practices that we knew it could be! We are so proud of you!!

There were 35 in our graduating class and 20 were together Thursday through Saturday. Eighteen attended the beautiful Gala and were pleased to be among the "Angel" honorees.

During our days together we enjoyed the renewal of friendships, sharing joys, sorrows, and reminiscing about those student days at SCH. Additional highlights included a limo ride to Navy Pier to a Spirit of Chicago luncheon cruise as well as the chapel service, luncheon and tour at the hospital. We left with more anecdotes to add to our memory banks! As we get older, these events grow more precious. Our 50th reunion was truly awesome!!

A folksinger friend wrote a song whose chorus I think applies to us:

*We'll never have this time to live again  
So why not live it up while we can  
For there's less time than before  
And I don't know how much more  
But, I know we'll never have this time again.*

May God continue to bless us all and may SCH continue to be the source of comfort, treatment and healing that it has always been.

*For the class of '59 by Gracie Carpenter*

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## Save the Date

### Make plans to join us for the 2010 SCHNAA Reunion!

Continental breakfast, Chapel service and tours at SCH. Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel in Skokie.

Celebrating the classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960 and 1965

See details and RSVP form in this newsletter



The Swedish Covenant Hospital Foundation has a new website! Within the website is a section dedicated to SCHNAA. Please check out the latest pictures as well as general information at: <http://www.SwedishCovenantFoundation.org/NursingAlumnae>.

A sampling of the 2009 Reunion Luncheon pictures... see the website for more.



**Class of 1944**  
Elna (Johanson) Lungren,  
Anna Jane (Johnson) Hult



**Class of 1949**  
Viola (Carlson) Kilstrom



**Class of 1959**

**First Row:** Rhoda (Anderson) Larson, Grace Ann (Ellefson) Carpenter, Nona (Larson) Michael, Edna (Ness) Cabell, Phyllis Linkenback, Sandra (Cairns) Good, Becky (Berlin) Nordlund

**Second Row:** Mary (Clark) Terzis, Judy (Allison) Kincel, Mary (Wiseman) Holmes, Joan (Anderson) Goodwater, Marty (Seagren) Arvidson, Shirley (Smith) Johnson, Kay Asimakis, Gloria (Pearson) Bouck, Mafra (Borgman) Young, Betty (Lundquist) Eklund, Fran (Murphy) Petroff, Marian (Wikholm) McConnell

Ingrid Johnson (one of three scholarship recipients) with her mother, Ruth (Smith) Johnson, class of '69 and Darline Wilke, class of '52.



**Nursing Alumnae Association**

The Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association (SCHNAA) was formed to maintain the strong traditions of the Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing alumnae.

As a charitable organization, the association offers our Nurse Guide to assist with a subscription for a limited number of nursing alumnae and all our work is done on a volunteer basis.

As Chicago's North Side population began to grow the Hospital Board of Directors announced the establishment of the Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing (SCHNAA) in North Park, Chicago. During the first year of operation, the school was housed in the former Carnegie building at 1000 North Dearborn Street. The school was designed as a school of nursing for all women and was the first of its kind in Chicago. The school was the first to represent the "training of light into darkened hearts."

By 1950 the school enrollment had doubled and the curriculum was changed to a three year program. By the 1950s new buildings were built for the teaching, modern classrooms, and laboratory facilities helped to recruit the best and brightest students from around the country.

In 1958 the Hospital Board of Directors decided to phase the nursing program into North Park, converting the building for the first nursing school to become the home of the School of Nursing and the first of its kind in Chicago.

Over 1,400 nurses have graduated from Swedish Covenant Hospital and their light still shines brightly every June when they wear their annual graduation sashes.

Enjoy pictures from the 2009 Luncheon  
Enjoy pictures from the 2009 Gala

**Leadership**  
President - Maggie Henrichsen '68  
Secretary and Treasurer - Carol Olson '58  
Immediate Past President - Ellen '68  
Additional Board Members - Judy Clark '58, Susan Tanner '58

**News Editor**  
The Nurse's Circle, a publication for the Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing School's alumnae, is published at least once a year. Check out some past issues.

*Spirit of  
Compassion  
Acceptance  
Speech:*  
SUSAN  
TANNER

The graduates of Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing thank you for this honor and recognition.

Throughout the 70-year existence of the hospital's 3-year nursing program, young women came to learn the skills that would enable them to care for the physical needs of those who were ill. We did indeed learn those skills, but even more importantly, we were taught to treat the whole patient with dignity, respect, compassion, and Christian love. Most of us came as young girls out of high school. For many it was our first experience with birth, death, and the wide range of health issues in between. We received an excellent education from our instructors, the physicians, and hospital staff, who were patient, and provided opportunities for us to practice the skills we learned in the classroom.

When we graduated at the end of 3 years, we were proud to wear the pin and cap that identified us as Swedish Covenant grads. We left for careers in all areas of nursing care. Many went on to earn advanced degrees and positions. Some joined the military and served in World War II, the Korean War and Viet Nam. We are proud of the many graduates who were called to serve on mission fields around the world.

Our 3 years as Swedish Covenant student nurses not only prepared us for our life's work, it shaped and molded who we became as women, nurtured our faith in God, and provided life-long friendships. Although our school closed 40 years ago, we still gather for yearly reunions. When we meet our fellow classmates, the years slip away, and we pick up where we left off, sharing our life's journey.

The Alumnae Association supports the hospital's mission of Healing, Teaching, and Preaching. We were part of the committee that helped design the beautiful hospital chapel used by patients, families, and staff. And we have an abiding interest in furthering nursing education, and give scholarships to children, and now even grandchildren of our alumnae.

So, thank you for this special award in recognition of the approximately 1400 Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae, whose care and compassion have ministered, and continue to minister around the world.

To God Be the Glory!

*A Postscript by  
Susan Tanner*

A few weeks after I accepted our award at the Gala, my mother was hospitalized at Swedish Covenant. I was pleased to see that the traditions of caring and compassion, that we remember and were taught, are still evident at SCH. Everyone who cared for my mother, in the ER and three different nursing units, were kind, gentle, and attentive. I am hopeful and reassured that the continuing advances in technology will never replace the personal interactions between nurses and their patients. May today's nurses carry on the legacy and spirit of our School of Nursing, and may God continue to receive the Glory.

From  
the SCH  
Foundation

Many thanks to those who have responded to the Hospital's annual appeal! Your donations are being directed to the Nursing Education Endowment Fund. To date almost 20 gifts have been received from Nursing Alumnae. Swedish Covenant Hospital welcomes your support and deeply appreciates your generosity. For more information of how you might help, please contact Cam Johnson at (773) 989-6256 or [cjohnson@schosp.org](mailto:cjohnson@schosp.org).

# A Sampling of the 2009 GALA pictures... *Again, see the website for more.*



**First Row: Betty Nelson, Mary Ann Ahlgren, Karen Benson  
Second Row: Nancy (Elmleaf) Lewis, Karen (Hedin) Bassett, Nadine (Wycinsky) Campbell**



**First Row: Judy (Behl) Cruz, Mary (Dekker) Hollebeek, Marilyn (Franklin) Johnson  
Second Row: Donna (Mielke) Clark, Anna (Shold) Boemig, Susan (Johnson) Tanner, Faith (Wunsch) Hamilton**



**First Row: Mary (Clark) Terzis, Carol (Cromley) Olson, Phyllis Linkenback, Kay Asimakis, Betty (Lundquist) Eklund  
Second Row: Rhoda (Anderson) Larson, Martha (Seagren) Arvidson, Edna (Ness) Cabell, Gloria (Pearson) Bouck, Gracie (Ellefson) Carpenter**

From the Desk of **Mary Shehan, RN** *Senior Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer*



Dear Alumnae,

**O**ur Journey towards Magnet Designation continues, as we demonstrate an organizational commitment which supports a culture of quality outcomes, excellence and professional staff development. As you are well aware, this year's Gala celebration included a well-deserved recognition of the Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association. In addition, all proceeds from this event have been set aside for professional staff development and a Nursing Educational Endowment. Swedish Covenant Hospital has been very successful in providing opportunities for professional development:

—Today, we currently have more than 150 board-certified nurses in specialty areas ranging from Special Care Nursery to Gerontology.

—We have a Nurse Intern Program where student nurses spend their summers working side-by-side with our experienced SCH nurses.

—A Summer Nurse Camp which was started six years ago for junior high students.

—A Preceptors Program, with more than 150 SCH nurse participants.

—Nursing scholarships, ranging from \$1000 to \$5000, are awarded to employees exhibiting a commitment to SCH. The Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Educational Endowment will help ensure that programming such as this will continue for a long time. This year we launch our Nursing Fellowship program, nurses committed to evidence-based practice and nursing research. We begin with fellows in cardiology, medicine, obstetrics and surgery. This program will eventually be fully funded by our Nursing Endowment.

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## Alumna Letter to SCH Foundation

Greetings,

It is an honor to have graduated from Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing and to be a guest of the Foundation at the recent Gala. It was a very memorable evening for me as my years at the hospital remain some of my favorite.

Thank you for honoring nursing and the traditions of SCH. The evening was splendid. The setting was beautiful and gracious and the dinner delicious. We alums always enjoy being together and this was enhanced by the focus of the evening. You have my sincere thank you and continued support.

*Gratefully,*  
*Joann Weigt Larson, Class of '62*



Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association  
**ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON**  
*Celebrating the Class Years of '40, '45, '50, '55, '60 and '65*  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010**

8:30-11:00 am **Continental Breakfast at SCH**, English Room, Anderson Pavilion

Noon **Luncheon at Hotel**, Doubletree Hotel, 9599 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077  
*For room reservations, call 847.679.7000. Room rate: \$109 before June 1*

Return this form to SCHNAA, Attn: Cam Johnson, 5145 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

### 2010 SCHNAA LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Luncheon reservations must be received by Tuesday, June 22, 2010. *No refunds after June 22.*

Name	Maiden	Class
Address	City, State	Zip
Phone	Email	

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed @ \$30.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Missionaries are welcome as our guests.*

Please mark events you plan to attend in the morning of June 26.

- Hospital Tour at 9 am (Departing from English Rm. in Anderson Pavilion)
- Chapel Service at 10 am (Chapel)
- Hospital Tour at 10:30 am (Departing from Chapel)

### 2010 SCHNAA DUES NOTICE — *Our funds support missions, scholarships and The Caring Times*

Name	Maiden	Email
Address	City, State	Phone

- \$30.00 Annual Membership (separate payment from luncheon)

### ATTENTION MISSIONARIES!

Once again, SCHNAA would like to remember ACTIVE or RETIRED missionary alumnae. Please complete this section so your gift reaches you.

Name	Maiden	Class
Address	City, State	Zip

*For receipt of checks*

For receipt of checks other than self (Name & Address) \_\_\_\_\_

FYI, SCHNAA SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCH AND NPU NURSING GRADUATES, THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. Please contact Dr. Darline Wilke at 847.291.7715 or darlinewilke@att.net for more information.

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